

The Late Oliver DeHart.

On November 7th, at 3:45 p. m. at the residence of his foster-mother, Mrs. Marcellina S. Williams, 1450 Madison street, n. w. after a painful illness which he bore with christian fortitude, there departed this life, Oliver DeHart, a young man of promise and very well and favorably known in Wheeling, W. Va. and Pittsburg, Pa. The deceased was born in Staten Island, N. Y., Sept 4th, '73. He was a young man of sterling qualities and had an amiable disposition which endeared him to the affections of all with whom he came in contact. As a son he was loving, gentle, obedient and as a young man he was loyal and adhered to those principles which go far toward the moulding of ones character for good. The last sad rites were held over his remains in the Vermont Avenue Baptist church, Rev. George W. Lee officiating and the body was interred in a vault at the Harmony Cemetery. The floral tributes were very numerous and exceedingly handsome.

Bishop Moore Seriously Ill.

Bishop M. M. Moore, one of the new bishops recently elected at the Quadrennial Conference at Columbus, O. and one of the ablest and best known prelates in the country, is seriously ill at his home in Jacksonville, Fla. Dr. Moore was Financial Secretary of the A. M. E. Church, with headquarters in this city, before his election as bishop, and his record as a financier places him at the top notch. He is a man of most pleasing address and graceful oratory and is one of the most popular men in the A. M. E. Church. His many friends in this city would be glad to know of his early recovery.

Down in Kentucky.

Maysville, Ky., Special—The Epworth League Sub-District Convention will be held in this city beginning December 1st, lasting several days. The newspaper syndicate bureau of this city, bids fair to do the papers supplied with news by it, a great deal of good. Miss Frankie Whaley is able to be out after a serious attack of rheumatism. Mr. Frank Lee a member of the senior class is improving slowly. Prof. J. S. Hathaway former principal of our school, reports thorough satisfaction with his work at Frankfort State Normal. Pupils of the high school and grammar departments will give an entertainment a few nights before Thanksgiving. The hunters report plenty game, so, we expect Dr. M. C. B. Mason of Cincinnati "rabbit killing" at any time.

Hon. John N. Ruffin, U. S. Consul to Asuncion, Paraguay, is spending a few days in this city. He took his leave to take part in the campaign just over, and after visiting his old home in Memphis Tenn., he was in the great political wind up in the West.

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concomitants and then the interest in the discussion took a fresh turn. Mr. Bryan was emasculated, Mr. Tillman was excoriated and the repast was thoroughly masticated. Then we drank ice water and resorted to tooth picks. Judge Raymond is a most companionable and agreeable gentleman and is one of the big men down in the village of Altoona, where he has just moved into a new \$2,000 house for which he holds the deed. He and Mr. Quay are very thick and I don't wonder at it for

the Judge is one of the "talkingest" men in Pennsylvania politics. He told me that he actually took the nomination for re election to his present office and that he was the only republican on the ticket who passed under the wire without a scratch. His face was as smooth as a billiard ball and there was a beatific smile on his countenance denoting that he is at peace with all the world. He is a great success on the bench and is popular with his fellow citizens of Altoona. The Judge told me confidently that he has built a new hen house on his new premises and has several fine breed of Gospel birds there in. As I have pressing invitation to call, I shall keep this fact before me.

What I started to say was that the Judge is responsible for whatever legal erudition there may be contained in these few scattering remarks, as when I left the Hotel Marshall on the night of our very pleasant gathering I was handed the wrong hat by the hallman and did not discover the mistake until the next morning. Inspection of the hat disclosed the fact that it belonged to the Judge. It was a sort of an echo hat and a very close fit. While wearing it I fancied that I heard things about like this: "Mr. Clerk, enter a nolle prosequere in that case." "5 or 30 days, stand aside sir." "Now, my good woman, let me hear your story." Silence in court! "Go on!" "James Johnson, stand up!" "Is this your wife?" Well she says you struck her, and bears the evidence in her face and neck. You are committed for 365 days 10 hours and 14 minutes and may the Lord have mercy on your cowardly soul. Step aside madam, call the next case." I shipped that hat to Altoona on my return to Albany, but I think I absorbed a good deal of the law that was in it. Hence these "pints."

One of my numerous correspondents writes to enquire if I have attended any of the sessions of the woman's convention recently held at the State Capitol and what I think of the color line question? "Don't you think" continues my correspondent, "that Mrs. Ruffin ought to let up a little? Don't it look as though the race is striving to attain that social equality which we have always disclaimed? If colored delegates are admitted what is to be gained by the race? In other words what are we fighting for? Does it pay to make these still fights for these non essential things when there are so many invaluable rights to be fought for?"

I did not attend any session of the Woman's Convention here as men were not admitted. I think the color line question raised by Mrs. Ruffin is a mistake, especially in view of the fact that only a few years back this same Mrs. Ruffin asserted in an interview which was generally published that there was not one drop of Negro blood in her veins, and that she was of Indian and Spanish origin. If color line questions must be raised it ought to be done by Negroes.

There was a Negro lady delegate in attendance on this convention, Mrs. Jeffries of Rochester. She represented a white woman's club of that city and was treated with the utmost courtesy and respect by all the delegates. The Milwaukee nonsense was tabooed by the convention as unworthy of notice.

BRUCE GRIT.

You Bet, We Are.

We would like to know if Edward Everett Cooper of the Washington Colored American is happy? We think he should be, but we would rather have it directly by word of mouth from him.—New York Age.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

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RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80	Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83	Surplus fund	80,957 81
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22	Undivided profits	6,826 80
Banking House	14,000 00	Demand certificate of deposits	96,786 29
Other real estates	99,588 00	Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00		
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,388 99	Total	391,120 64
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80		
Paper currency	35,820 00		
Total	391,120 84		

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing cooperation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

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The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases 13 buildings.

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